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1842-0024

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
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1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	20 x 9 =	180
Independent Claims	- 3** =	4 x 43 =	172
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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## SUBMITTED BY

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) Examiner: Not yet assigned

) Group: 2816

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DEVICES AND METHODS FOR THE  
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

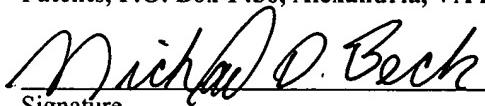
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$352.00 from Deposit Account No. 13-0014 for the small entity claim fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16(b), (c) for four (4) additional independent claims (\$172.00) and twenty (20) additional claims (\$180.00). The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due (excluding the issue fee) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.

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